

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Hon. Claire C. Cecchi

v.

Criminal No. 19-877

MATTHEW BRENT GOETTSCHKE  
[DEFENDANT TWO]  
JOBADIAH SINCLAIR WEEKS  
JOSEPH FRANK ABEL  
SILVIU CATALIN BALACI

ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of the United States, by Craig Carpenito, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Jamie L. Hoxie, David W. Feder, Anthony P. Torntore, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, appearing), and defendant JOSEPH FRANK ABEL (Jason J. LeBoeuf, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a continuance of proceedings in the above-captioned matter; and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have this matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(c)(1); and the defendant having consented to such continuance and having waived such right; and for good cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

1. This case is an unusual or complex case within the meaning of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(ii), in light of the number of

defendants, the nature of the prosecution, and the existence of novel questions of fact and law such that it is unreasonable to expect adequate preparation for pretrial proceedings or for the trial itself within 70 days.

2. The discovery in the case is expected to be voluminous, consisting of, among other things, the review of nearly two million electronic records, several different images and extractions of digital devices, and the reconstitution and review of copies of website servers, and additional time is necessary to ensure that, taking into account the exercise of diligence, defense counsel have sufficient time to review and inspect discovery and further investigate the charges in this matter.

3. As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(ii) and (iv), the ends of justice served by the granting of this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this 10th day of February, 2020,

(1) ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued until November 30, 2020, and it is further

(2) ORDERED that the period from the date of this order through November 30, 2020 be and it hereby is excluded in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974, 18 U.S.C. § 3161 *et seq.*



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Honorable Claire C. Cecchi  
United States District Judge

Consented to as to form and entry:



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Jamie L. Hoxie  
David W. Feder  
Anthony P. Torntore  
Assistant U.S. Attorneys



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